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SUBJECT: USE OF HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SPECIAL MISSION AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED THE FULLEST COOPERATION OF FONOFF IN OBTAINING VIRTUALLY LAST-MINUTE CLEARANCES FOR THE LANDING OF SPECIAL FLIGHTS CARRYING SECRETARY SIMON'S PARTY WHICH TRANSITED JAPAN ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND ON OCTOBER 6. GOJ TAKES THE POSITION THAT SPECIAL MISSION FLIGHTS, I.E., USAF AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY USAF PERSONNEL ON MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF NON-MILITARY OFFICIALS, DO NOT COME UNDER US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY PROVISIONS AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, USE HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. TEN DAYS' ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF SUCH FLIGHTS IS REQUIRED; JAPANESE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT ANY LESSER AMOUNT OF NOTIFICATION RESULTS IN REARRANGEMENT OF HEAVY TRAFFIC SCHEDULES AND GREATLY INCREASES POTENTIAL FOR AIR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING EARLIEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON FUTURE SPECIAL MISSION FLIGHTS SCHEDULED ARRIVE IN JAPAN EITHER IN TRANSIT OR FOR TEMPORARY VISIT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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